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A FURTHER RECORD OF ANARSIA LINEATELLA ZELLER (LEP., GELECHIIDAE). — On the 26th of September 1985 Mr. K. G. W. Evans gave me a living specimen of this species which he had reared from a larva in an imported peach purchased in Croydon. Prior to 1985, the only British record seems to have been of one reared by Mr. R. W. J. Uffen on the 8th of August 1957 from an imported apricot (*Entomologist's Gaz.* 10: 57-58). The larvae feed in at least two generations in rosaceous fruit-trees, the first in a series of shoots and the second in shoots like the first or within a fruit, where it can be a minor pest. It is widespread in the Mediterranean region. The adult is recognisable from its general resemblance to *A. spartiella* (Schrank) and the longitudinal dark streaks on the forewing from which its name is derived. A. M. EMMET, Labrey Cottage, Victoria Gardens, Saffron Walden, Essex, CB11 3AF.

THE LARVAL FOODPLANTS OF ERYNNIS TAGES LINN. — On one of the many rainy days spent studying the Scotch Argus (*Erebia aethiops* Esp.) at Smardale in Westmorland, Cumbria a search was made for the larvae of the Dingy Skipper (*Erynnis tages*). It may therefore be of interest to note that of the 57 larvae found, in the 90 or so minutes spent looking, 46 were found on Horseshoe Vetch (*Hippocrepis comosa*) whereas only 11 were found on the more typical foodplant Bird's-foot-trefoil (*Lotus corniculatus*) — roughly an equal amount of time being spent searching both plant species. It would therefore appear that where given the choice of foodplants *Hippocrepis comosa* is preferred. This preference has similarly been noted by others (J. A. Thomas, *pers. comm.*).— N. W. LEAR, 178, St. John's Lane, Bedminster, Bristol BS 5AR.

THE RED-BELTED CLEARWING SYNANTHEDON MYOPAEFORMIS (BORK.) IN HEREFORDSHIRE (V.C. 36). — During a visit to Moccas Park (now Moccas Park National Nature Reserve) in 1976, I captured a single example of this pretty little moth after it alighted on the trunk of the solitary carb apple tree growing there. Despite sending my record off to the Lepidoptera Mapping Scheme, I notice in the *Butterflies and Moths of Great Britain and Ireland*, 2: 381/2 (1985), that the moth is apparently unrecorded in VC 36. With the abundance of ancient orchards in Herefordshire, its occurrence is to be expected and I understand my friend Dr. Harper has recently encountered the species too. J. COOTER, 222 Whittern Way, Hereford, HR1 1QP.